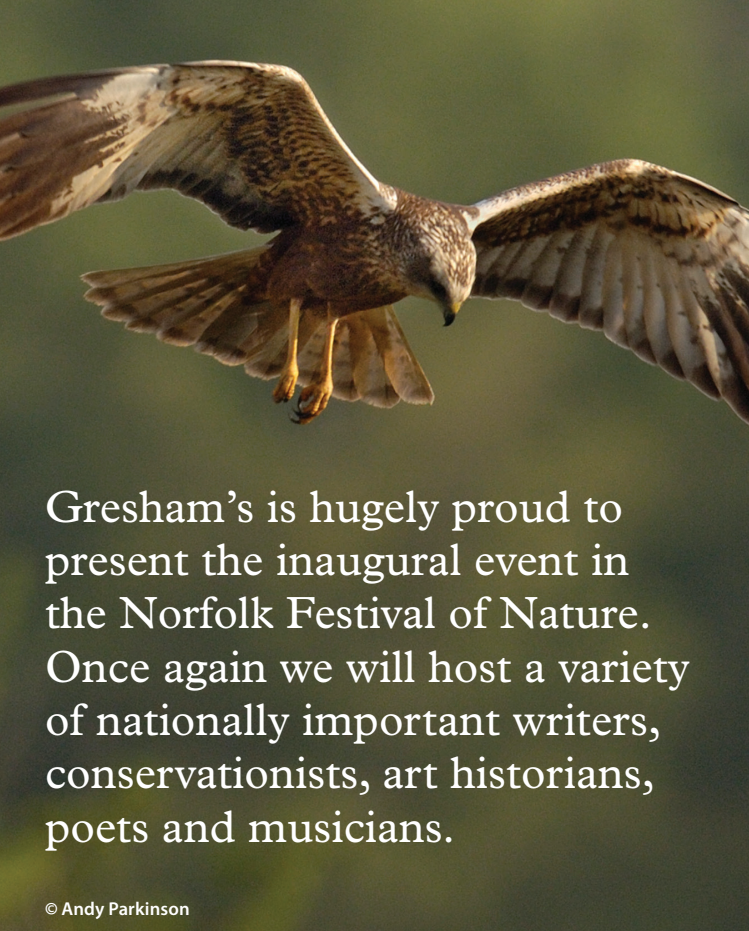




GRESHAM'S

Norfolk Festival of **Nature** at Gresham's

24th - 28th February 2015



Gresham's is hugely proud to present the inaugural event in the Norfolk Festival of Nature. Once again we will host a variety of nationally important writers, conservationists, art historians, poets and musicians.

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This year the Festival Lecture will be a joint presentation by the nationally renowned nature writer Patrick Barkham and the National Trust's Matthew Oates who will offer a collaborative reflection on the concept of 'The Spirit of Place'.

Norfolk has some of the richest and most distinctive countryside in Britain. The long-term aim of the Norfolk Festival of Nature will be to celebrate the central place of landscape and wildlife in the cultural life of our county. It will showcase artists of all kind – poets, writers, composers, photographers, film makers, sound recordists, sculptors, painters and scientists – whose work draws primarily upon the natural world. It is hoped that the Festival will build outwards and involve both artists and scientists in events and residencies on the properties and reserves of all the key stakeholders in the environmental field, as well as private landowners and farmers sympathetic to the project.

The Festival Lecture

Friday 27th February

The Spirit of Place

Patrick Barkham and Matthew Oates

7.45 - 8.45pm Tickets – £5.00

The concept of Spirit of Place offers a new paradigm for our relationship with special places, and for nature conservation. In essence, it involves a formal process for determining what is unique, distinctive and cherished about a place, from which short Spirit of Place statements can be derived. This approach may help us to appreciate places more – and relate to them, and nature, more clearly.

Patrick Barkham is the author of *The Butterfly Isles* and *Badgerlands*. He is Natural History writer for the Guardian where he has worked for the last 10 years.

Matthew Oates is a naturalist, author and broadcaster who has worked for the National Trust for 25 years. His main passions are butterflies, humour and the poetic approach. He writes for The Times Nature Notes column.

The Festival Launch

Saturday 28th February

Mark Cocker

5.30 - 6.30pm Tickets – Free

The nationally renowned nature writer and guiding spirit of the festival, Mark Cocker, will give an address. He is the author of *Crow Country*, *Birds and People* and most recently *Claxton: Field Notes from a Small Planet*.

All Welcome – please come and join us for a glass of wine and nibbles.

Tuesday 24th February

East Navigator

Al Cormack and Adam Shawyer

6.30 - 7.30pm Tickets – Free

Al Cormack and photographer Adam Shawyer have been tramping the highways and byways of Norfolk together for several years. This event is a record of the journey from their home in Sheringham to Great Yarmouth.

Al Cormack is Director of the Festival of Nature and Head of English at Gresham's School.

Adam Shawyer grew up on the broads of South Norfolk. He went on to study Fine Art Printmaking at Norwich School of Art.

Poetry Reading

Matthew Howard, Jonathan Ward, Beau Hopkins

7.45 - 9pm Tickets – Free

Matt Howard works for RSPB and has been active around the local literature scene for the past 7 years, volunteering on the committee of Cafe Writers in Norwich.

Jonathan Ward currently teaches English at Gresham's School.

Beau Hopkins is studying for a PhD in late modernist British poetry at the University of East Anglia.

Wednesday 25th February

Experiences of the landscape in contemporary British painting

Henrietta Robinson

6.30-7.30pm Tickets – £5.00

Some painters that will be discussed are Frank Auerbach, Leon Kossof, Joash Woodrow, Francis Hoyland and Sargy Mann.

Norfolk's Nature: Artists' Inspiration

Dr Francesca Vanke

7.45 - 8.45pm Tickets – £5.00

An illustrated talk on how the nature and landscape of Norfolk has inspired artists over time, from the traditional to the contemporary.

Francesca Vanke is Keeper of Art and Curator of Decorative Art, Norwich Castle Museum & Art Gallery.

Thursday 26th February

A Programme of Music Inspired By Nature... With a Few Surprises!

1.20pm - 2.00pm Tickets – Free – All Welcome

The Marsh Harrier: Predator of the Broadland Skies

Nigel Middleton

6.30 - 7.30pm Tickets – £5.00

Nigel Middleton is the Conservation Officer, for the Hawk and Owl Trust based at Sculthorpe Moor Nature Reserve near Fakenham.



Nature's Symphony: An audio visual presentation

Laurence Rose and Kathy Hinde

7.45 - 8.45pm Tickets – £5.00

Laurence Rose is a naturalist, conservationist and composer. He has worked for the RSPB for over thirty years, and is currently Senior Sites Manager for North Norfolk.

Kathy Hinde's artwork and music grows from a partnership between nature and technology.

Friday 27th February

On The Margins: The Fen Raft Spider

Sheila Tilmouth and Helen Smith

6.30 - 7.30pm Tickets – £5.00

Sheila Tilmouth is a widely experienced artist working across the media of printmaking, painting and photography and she has exhibited extensively throughout the UK.

Helen Smith has headed Natural England's conservation programme for the Raft Spiders since 1992, she is currently president of the British Arachnological Society.

Saturday 28th February

Nature Writing Workshop: In Woods

Jonathan Ward

2.00 - 4.00pm Tickets are £20.00 limited to 20 participants on a first come first served basis.

Jonathan Ward will lead a workshop for poets and prose writers interested in responding to the natural world. Located in and around Gresham's School woods.

Nature Matters: Why is nature in decline? Does it matter? And can we really do anything about it?

David North

7.30 - 8.30pm Tickets – £5.00

David North is Head of People and Wildlife at Norfolk Wildlife Trust. He has published several books inspired by Norfolk's wildlife including, Elements of the North Norfolk Coast, The Natural and Unnatural History of Norfolk's Birds, Wilderness Walks and Words on Wildlife.

All Week

Auden Theatre Foyer

An exhibition of prints by Sheila Tilmouth exploring her artist's residency with the Fen Raft Spider at Redgrave and Lopham Fen near Diss.



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Venue and Tickets

All events will be held at the Auden Theatre, Gresham's School, Cromer Road, Holt, Norfolk NR25 6EA.

Tickets are available from the Auden Theatre Box Office.

Call: **01263 713444**

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